

RESPONSE AND REMARKS

SPECIES ELECTION REQUIREMENT

In the Office Action, the Examiner issued a species election requirement, construing four species as follows:

- a. The Examiner construed Claims 62, 66, 74, and 79 as Species a, as drawn to a first species of billable weight;
- b. The Examiner construed Claims 63, 67, 75, and 80 as Species b, as drawn to a second species of billable weight;
- c. The Examiner construed Claims 64, 68, 76, and 81 as Species c, as drawn to a third species of billable weight; and
- d. The Examiner construed Claims 65, 69, 77, and 82 as Species d, as drawn to a fourth species of billable weight.

In the Office Action, the Examiner stated that "... Claims 1-7 and 58-83 are generic."

SPECIES ELECTION

Pursuant to the species election requirement dated November 17, 2005, and in accordance with 35 U.S.C. 121 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.142, Applicant hereby elects Species a, construed by the Examiner as Claims 62, 66, 74, and 79.

According to the election herein of Claims 62, 66, 74, and 79 construed by the Examiner as Species a, Claims 63, 67, 75, and 80 construed by the Examiner as Species b, Claims 64, 68, 76, and 81 construed by the Examiner as Species c; and Claims 65, 69, 77, and 82 construed by the Examiner as Species d, that are directed to the non-elected Species, are withdrawn from examination; the Claims that are directed to non-elected Species b, c and d, are withdrawn without prejudice to Applicant's filing in accordance with 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and 121 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.142, during the pendency of the present Application, a divisional application with claims directed to the subject matter of the non-elected Species, or in the event that generic claims are allowed, without prejudice to

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Applicant re-presenting some or all of the Claims that are directed to the non-elected Species b, c, and d.

CONCLUSION

In view of the species election above, it is respectfully requested that further examination of the present application proceed for Claims 1-7, 58-62, 66, 70-74, and 78-79 and 83.

Respectfully submitted,

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